

**Adam Stephen to George Washington, May 19, 1756,  
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**FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.**

FORT CUMBERLAND May 19th. 1756.

SIR,

I recd yours of the twelveth —

I am sorry that I did not receive yours from Quantico dated March 25th. untill my Boy Came Up—I would have turned the Table directly, to the great Confusion of a Cringing Tatling Set, whom I cannot easily forgive—However I gave up nothing; I had my own guard, my Own report, I ordered out all detachmt. and gave them all their Instructions —

The Old Gentleman meddles with nothing; not even the Parole; desird that we Would look on him as a mere pasenger—a transient person willing to give advice if necessary.

I think you should be very Cautious in discharging the Militia—Expense is not to be Considered at this juncture —

It would have been a Saving to the Colony that an Equal number had been kept in pay since Christmas last. —

What Assurance have you, that 2000 of the Enemy are not Settled at the great Crossings Get proper intelligence before you dismiss any.—Consider if any thing happened to Scare

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off two or three thousand more inhabitants, would not your Country justly upbraid you for dismissing the Men Sent out for a Barrier? Youll easily pardon me this freedom, when I assure you that it proceeds from the regard I have for your interest, w out any arrogance, or inclination to direct.—I should be extreamly glad to see you here, with a sufficient number of men to bring intelligence from Gists plantation—You could then judge better what was to be done. —

If the Militia cannot be ordered out that farr—you will find Volunteers enough for that purpose. —

This juncture may afford hopes to some gentlemen that do not well deserve—if things are not taken notice of in a proper manner, Expectations will never be answered At mutiny, I shall represent Several things to you, in the most disinterested manner, and you can do as you think proper; and after doing So, I shall have discharged my Duty.

There are signs of more Indians come down —

I am with Respect, Sir, Your most Obt. huble Servt. ADAM STEPHEN